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1. The Guayaquil Local Committee of the Communist Party submitted to all cell leaders a plan for activities for the period 15 November 1948 to 15 January 1949. Although the program was to go into effect on 15 November, cell leaders did not receive their instructions until 8 December 1948. The plan was set up according to instructions and advice received from the Central Committee of the Party in Quito.
2. In an effort to give stimulation to the program, the Local Committee offered a prize to the most militant Communist and also to the cell performing the best work during the period set forth in the directive. The following objectives were outlined for the Guayaquil cells:
- The reorganization of old cells and plans for forming new ones. A total of 175 new members is desired. It is believed these members will be recruited from the customhouse, the stevedores, Grace and Company, and five new barrios (districts) in Guayaquil, in each of which groups the Party hopes to form new cells. Juan Pio Narvaez and Ernesto Rossi will be in charge of this part of the program.
 - Efforts are to be made to more effectively propagandize the Party cause by means of speeches, wider distribution and discussion of the Party organ, *El Pueblo*, and the printing of more inflammatory leaflets.
 - Members are asked to fight for the five points on labor recently suggested in *El Pueblo*, the main ones being higher salaries, rent control, and a reorganization of the Department of Labor. Preparations should also be made for the Conference of the Confederation of Colombian Workers (CTE), which will be held in March 1949. All cells were requested to agitate against the English and American oil companies operating in Ecuador.
 - Organization of farm workers also received attention in the directive. A special committee made up of Pedro Saad, Alfonso Quijano, Alfredo Vera, Jacinto Mateo, Neptali Pacheco and Pascual Palomino will attempt to organize the coastal farm workers in preparation for a National Congress of Farm Workers.
 - The Communist youth of Guayaquil, as well as women's Communist groups,

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were called upon to support the campaign for the Peace and Democracy Movement. A continental congress of the latter organization is to be demanded.

1. The problem of finances was stressed and the usual methods of raising money were suggested. Special assessments, benefit dances, raffles, parties, and the creation of a donation organization to be known as the "Friends and Sympathizers Organization", were among ideas suggested as a means of raising additional funds.

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